

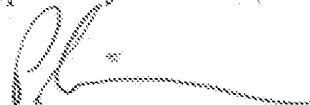
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 were previously pending in this application. Claims 1-5, 8-9, 12-15, 17 and 20 were rejected. Claims 6-7, 10-11, 16, and 18-19 were objected to but were said to be allowable if rewritten to eliminate dependence upon rejected base claims.

The claim set has been amended so that each independent claim is allowable per the Office Action and each dependent claim depends from an allowable claim, and is thus itself allowable. In particular, claims 3, 6, 10, 16, 18 and 20 have been cancelled, with the subject matter of claims 3 and 6 being incorporated into independent claim 1, the subject matter of claims 1 and 10 being incorporated into newly independent claim 8, the subject matter of claim 16 being incorporated into independent claim 12, and the subject matter of claims 12 and 18 being incorporated into newly independent claim 17. Various other amendments are presented for the sake of clarity and to correct dependencies to now-cancelled claims or delete redundant material.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are allowable per paragraph 6 of the Office Action, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issuance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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